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Ak-Chin EPD Program hosts community Earth Day event

Story and photos by J. Peters



Earthy Enos gives two thumbs up to Earth Day 2022!

April 22, 2020, Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department hosted their big annual Earth Day celebration.

Staff members pulled together to bring the annual celebration back to the community and to spread the message of how important it is to take care of the earth and what we can do to become eco-friendlier.

Setting up the event at Ak-Chin Circle Elements Center, everyone welcomed was before entering by EPD staff and volunteers, as they

explained the ins and outs of the event.

Once signed in, Earth Day swag was provided to all participants who took the time to come out and see what the EPD department had in store.

Inside Elements, a number of informational booths were set up, ranging from very informal information on what typical bugs may roam around the house and ones to look out for, to what types of ecofriendly light-bulbs are best to

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Maricopa High **School State** Champions in Arizona SkillsUSA Competition



Gold Medal winners for Community Service include: Lexie Nordhoff, Leslie Holliday, Eliza Santiago, and Asher Akhavan Restubog. Eliza Santiago is an Ak-Chin member.

Submitted by MUSD

Students from MHS Graphic Design, Engineering, Information Technology, and Photography programs competed in the 2022 Arizona SkillsUSA State Championships.

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Thirty-five students represented MHS in:

- Internetworking
- Pin Design
- Career Pathway

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Ak-Chin celebrates Administrative **Professionals Day**



Department Administrative professionals attended a special luncheon celebration at Ak-Chin Circle Luxe Lounge. Story and photo by J. Peters

27th, Ak-Chin April Community Council invited all department Administrative Assistants to enjoy a nice time at Ak-Chin Circle Luxe Lounge to celebrate Administrative Professionals

Administration Professionals Day, which is observed the last Wednesday in April,

recognizes the people who are the first point of contact in the workplace and hold the internal office pieces together on the daily.

members Council Delia Carlyle and Lisa Garcia welcomed admin staff as they made their way into their private party at Luxe, for a delicious luncheon, where

they were treated to gifts, sweets and a bit of relaxation

Ak-Chin Council this message with all admin "Words are not enough to say how all your hard work is greatly appreciated. It definitely doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for all

Maricopa High School sees great improvement with new Volleyball program

Story by R. Peters



Maricopa High School Rams Boys' Volleyball. Varsity is pictured in white jerseys, while JV is pictured in red jerseys. Photo courtesy of Victor Moreno Photography.

2022 has given us many things to look forward to. Maricopa High School's new Boys Indoor Volleyball program is definitely something we will be looking forward to seeing more of.

Spring 2022, MHS showcased two new teams, Varsity and JV Rams Boys' Volleyball.

Hitting the court for the first time, many of the teammates had never played volleyball, and those that did were still in a huge learning curve.

With new head coach Tia Kannapel, they learned the basics and much, much more.

So much more, in fact, that

MHS Varsity Rams made

the 6A Conference Playoffs,

sporting a decent 10-6 record.

Maricopa JV Boys Volleyball also played a great first season, with a 6-3 record as listed in AZPREPS365.

Angel Ruelas, a junior for Maricopa and Ak-Chin Community member played a huge part in their success.

Angel, who was an outside hitter for the JV Rams was impressive at the net, and once he got his timing down he was spiking it down, and racking up numbers on both kills and blocks.

Angel, who's also a member of Maricopa High School Air Force ROTC program, said

he was interested in playing

volleyball and decided to try it out. He may have also received a little nudge from his summer co-workers at Ak-Chin Recreation, where he worked as a lifeguard.

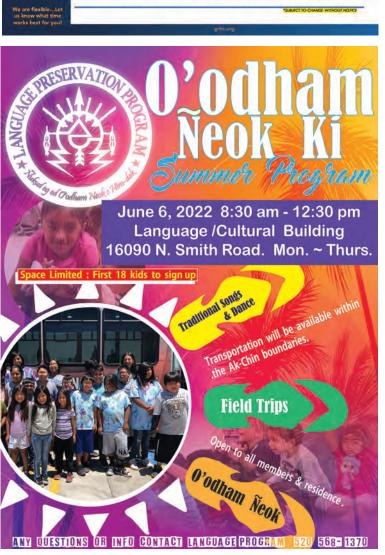
Recreation staff members Wesley Gonzales and Julia Dickerson helped teach Angel some of the basics during their downtime over the summer. Julia was very impressed with Angel's natural athleticism.

Angel then took it to the high school level and it has paid off very well for his first year.

Angel did learn more than basics when playing at the high school level. He shared

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9:00am - 4:00pm



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Keeping Contact with Emergency Responders During an Outage

In the event of cellular disruptions, such as the one that impacted Verizon customers earlier this month, it is important that Maricopa residents know they have options for contacting emergency responders. Federal regulations made this a priority.

The FCC requires wireless providers to transmit all 911 calls to an emergency call center, regardless of whether the caller subscribes to the provider's service.

All wireless phones, even those that are not subscribed to or supported by a specific carrier, can still call 911. In many cases even if a phone shows no signal bars, calls to 911 will still get through. In the event of an outage that impacts service to the emergency call center in Maricopa, the calls are automatically rerouted to another call center (in our case to Chandler).

Maricopa and all of Pinal County also announced last year the addition of the ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency. While texting is available, voice calls to 911 are more expedient and provide much more information to 911 centers.

How to text 911

- Enter the numbers '911' in the 'To' field on your mobile device.
- ALWAYS provide your location and the nature of your emergency in your original text message.
- 'Send' your message.
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow any instructions provided to you by the 911 operator. Reply as quickly
- possible. Always remember
- abbreviations!

use simple words. No

Important facts to know · Voice calls are ALWAYS the

best option for contacting

- Texting is not available from deactivated cell phones, but you can still call 911 from them.
- A Text-to-911 may take longer to be received, may be delivered out of order, or not received at all.
- Text-to-911 is not available if your cellular device is in 'roaming' status. You will receive a 'bounce
- message texting is not available.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911.
- Do not text and drive!

Notice to those with Community Broadband in their homes

If your internet in your home is not working please call the IS Department at 520-568-1120.

Thank you, Information Systems Department



Livestock Meeting focuses on pasture maintenance and ordinance update



May 1, Ak-Chin Livestock Committee held a meeting at EPD Conference room to

discuss many agenda items, such as, vacant Ranger position, current owners of livestock, brands, pasture maintenance, and ordinance update. The meeting was led by Vice-President Delbert White. Police Chief Manuel Garcia and Ofc. Harry Grizzle presented information on the vacant Ranger position, as well as ordinance concerns and brands.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 5.

lasks are not required

Special Olympics

We look forward to your participation and

as always Thank you for your support.

but are optional

Easter Activities

Just days before Easter, Community spirits were bright and cheery as many came out to participate in the fun and rewarding events coordinated through Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation. Here's a few pics from their Easter Egg coloring event and Easter Egg Hunt.









Annual Bowling Fundraiser

Date: May 22nd, 2022

Session 1: 1 P.M.

Session 2: 3 P.M.

Fees:

WE ARE BACK!

Safety is Number 1. For You and Your Teams And Our Staff Members.

Team Entry: \$100.00 per team 4 Members per team. Rental Shoe Fee: \$5.00 Per Team Member paid day of **Event at th Helm.**

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Balancing and YOUR BODY



Chin Circle

Davis Garcia P: 520-568-1222 Email: dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us

For questions about the Injury Prevention Program
case call or email Teri De La Cruz al 520-568-1087 TDeLaCruz@ak-chiir.nsn.us

Functional Fitness

Elements Event Center

16000 Maricopa Rd.

Let's help Prevent a Fall

or an Injury

Find ways to strengthen

muscles, Improve balance and

Improve Mood & Energy

EVERY TUESDAY AND

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

Elder May Breakfast-Lunch Menu

6 Cream of Wheat, scrambled eggs, English muffin, yogurt | Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Apricots

9 Blueberry Pancakes, strawberries & whipped cream, sausage links | Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Potato, Carrots, Spring Salad, Assorted

Desserts Mother's Day Lunch

10 Veggie Scramble, avocado slices, toast, cottage cheese & fruit | Cabbage Stew,

Asparagus, Beets, Biscuits, Fruit Cocktail

11 Sausage Links, bacon, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit | BLT Sandwich, 3 bean salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Pears

12 *Oatmeal*, boiled eggs, toast, yogurt, **fresh berries** | Potato Soup & Spring Salad, Wheat Rolls, Jell-O

13 Chorizo & Egg Tacos beans, sliced

avocados, fresh salsa,

Chili Meat (D), Sweet

fruit | Chili Beans,

Potato, Ice-Cream

16 Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, biscuit, banana & peanut **butter** | Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Red Potatoes, Yellow Squash, Mandarin **Oranges**

17 **Bacon & Red** Potatoes, with **Veggies**, scrambled eggs, English muffin, cottage cheese | Grilled Chicken, Over Caesar Salad, Acorn Squash, Grapes

18 Avocado Toast, scrambled eggs,

bacon, fruit | Ground Beef Taco, Green Leaf, Tomato, Zucchini, Corn, Cookies

19 Sausage Links, scrambled eggs, hash brown, English muffin | Pinto Beans , Chicken Dumpling (D), Yams, Potato-D, Corn Bread, Pineapple

20 Pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh berries | Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Rolls,

Jell-O ** Menu items subject to change**

Can Help You Avoid a Fall Call Injury Prevention for more information 520-568-1087

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the May 20 - June 2, 2022 issue is due by

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

MAY 13TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be

Material submitted after the



For more information please call 520-568-1000.



American Indian College Fund Launches 200-Mile Cycle Challenge on Facebook Event **Runs from May** 1-May 31, 2022

Denver, Colo., April 11, 2022-Spring is here and it is time to pump up the tires on your bicycles to build those guads while supporting the American Indian College Fund and its mission of providing Native students with access to higher education.

Native Americans have the lowest higher education attainment rate in the nation, or only 15%, less than half that of the overall population. But with your help, we can change that.

The College Fund's Facebook 200-Mile Cycle Challenge officially kicks off May 1. Sign up today and start completing your 200 miles now!

Participants in the challenge will attempt to bicycle 200 miles by May 31 for a fundraiser they create in Facebook benefitting the College Fund. The challenge will include a community page that allows participants to share their progress and discuss the College Fund's mission, students, and their communities.

The College Fund held its first Facebook challenge in November 2021, raising more than \$300K to benefit the College Fund's mission and Native students. Let's smash that record, pedal into spring, raise awareness of Native people and issues and help Native students access a higher education.

enroll in the You can challenge https://www.facebook.com/ here: groups/275112601354137

About the American Indian College Fund— The American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for 32 years. The College Fund believes "Education is the answer" and provided \$15.5 million in scholarships and other direct student support to American Indian students in 2020-21.

Since its founding in 1989 the College Fund has provided more than \$259 million in scholarships, programmatic and community support. The College Fund also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation's 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers.

The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators and is one of the nation's top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www. collegefund.org.





Hearing Notice

Call Ak-Chin Health Education at (520) 568-1080 for more information

Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: SD-01-22: MAIR 14(3) **Farrell Road Improvement:**

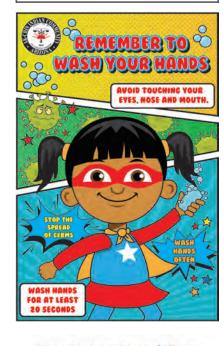
Project Applicant/Capital **Projects** Director Perry Vettraino, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to improve and widen 1.6 miles of Farrell Road located between Santos Street and Ralston Road.

The project consists of:

Farrell Road be reconstructed in its existing location with an improved structural section that will account for both local traffic and heavy farm equipment;

• The existing paved Farrell

- Road is 28 feet wide with a single 14-foot wide travel lane in each direction. The project proposes to widen the road by 3 feet in width to each travel lane for a new roadway width of 34 feet;
- All road and drainage improvements are located within Farrell Road's existing 80-foot-wide Rights-of-Way;
- Improvements to existing at grade crossing of Vekol Wash, which is limited to 0.05 acre or 2,178 square feet, with cutoff walls that tie into the existing erosion protection;
- Proposed installation of gates located between Santos Street and Ralston Road to restrict vehicles from accessing this section of Farrell Road when Vekol Wash is flooded:
- The project is subject to the National Environmental Protection Act review and Clean Water Act Section 404/401 assessment because improvements are proposed within Vekol Wash; and
- A staging area between 1-5 acres in size is planned at an area southwest of Farrell Road and Santos Street.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) UTILITY RATE BTU STUDY FOR THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") Central Plant is seeking a professional qualified consultant to conduct a Utility Rate BTU Study including recommendation on rates. The individual, firm, or consultant must be capable to complete a utility study to determine summer -winter rates of chilled water to the enterprises of the Community.

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Central Plant consists of (3) 900-ton Trane Centrifugal Chillers (2700 tons), (3) 900-ton cross flow Marley Cooling Towers as well as (2) 1200- ton Trane Centrifugal Chillers and (2) 1200-ton cross flow Marely Cooling towers for a total of 5100 tons of cooling capacity.

The Central Plant's primary chilled water loop is designed

to maintain a constant water flow through the chillers

evaporator using (3) constant speed pumps rated at 1800 g/min and 2 variable frequency driven pumps rated at 2400 g/min. The secondary pumping system consists of 5 variable

speed chilled water pumps which are controlled by using a differential pressure control (DP) sensor for control to the enterprises depending on the maximum chilled water valve and its current temperature differential setpoints.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION - SCOPE OF WORK & SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Utility Rate BTU Study is to help determine a

methodology for recovery of capital, for provided cooling to the facilities within the Ak-Chin Circle Commercial Area that includes the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center, Elements Event Building, Central Plant as well as Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. The Utility Rate BTU Study will provide the follow detailed report to include:

- 1. Gather Central Plant (CP) Baseline Load Usage Data.
- 2. Review Load Information for Infrastructures.
- 3. Determine Seasonal Loads for Annual Cost Determination.

- 1. Determine Revenue Requirement based on actual accounting costs.
- 2. Propose estimated Revenue for billing.

1. Create a Summary of proposed rate to present to Council.

III. REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Community is seeking a proposal and a formal statement of qualifications from a profession firm interested in being considered in conducting a Utility Rate BTU Study. Request for Proposal (RFP) CD is available at the Ak-Chin Purchasing Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa Arizona 85138 or full RFP will be available by email upon request at fhowerton@ ak-chin.nsn.us.

The response should include a statement regarding the firm's approach to perform Utility Rate BTU Study. Provide details of the firm's experience and identify the proposed project staff and their experience in conducting a Utility Rate BTU Study. Staff identified in the proposal must continue to work on the project for the duration of the study. Any changes in personnel are subject to approval from the Community's Project Team.

IV. Submissions

Submissions should be provided in a package clearly marked with "PROPOSAL Ak-Chin Utility Rate BTU Study." Please submit five (5) bound and (1) unbound copies of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below.

Flora Howerton **Purchasing Manager** Ak-Chin Indian Community 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road Maricopa, AZ 85138

Any questions regarding this project proposal must be submitted via email by 5 p.m. May 20th, 2022 to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager (520) 568-1043. The deadline for submitting proposal is May 27th, 2022 by Noon 12 p.m. MST.



Drive- Thru Thursday - May 12th,6am-10am Friday -May 13th, 6am-10am

Chin Member and resident households who reside on the reservation and for Member households who live off the reservation.

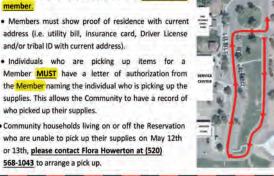
Distribution will be at the Service Center and is for Ak-

· Supplies are for each household and not for each

· Members must show proof of residence with current address (i.e. utility bill, insurance card, Driver License and/or tribal ID with current address).

Member MUST have a letter of authorization from the Member naming the individual who is picking up the supplies. This allows the Community to have a record of who picked up their supplies.

 Community households living on or off the Reservation who are unable to pick up their supplies on May 12th or 13th, please contact Flora Howerton at (520) 568-1043 to arrange a pick up.



FARRELL RD.

included in the next issue.

department Education hosted their 2022 Early Bird Education Release of Information Event at the received Ak-Chin Recreation gym.

The ROI event allowed Education swag items. parents and guardians to come and stop by to sign their children up for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

From Kinder to High School, student advisors and other department staff were stationed at the gymnasium to help families prepare for the next school year.

stations, parents could make their way to the proper staff member to get

April 27-28, Ak-Chin their student ready for fall semester.

> Those attended information for their child's campus as well as some nice

Attendees could also pick up a boxed lunch handed out by Ak-Chin Language, who were helping out at the ROI event. Those who registered, were entered into a raffle for a fantastic Family Basket.

If Parents or Guardians were not able to attend the event, ROI paper work is available at Ak-With adorable themed Chin Education office. For more information please contact Education at (520)568-1280.



Student Advisor/Tutor Julia Dickerson helps parent at event.



Student Advisor/Tutor Sheila Pablo-Bandin assists at her station.



MHS Ram Boys Volleyball #12 Angel Ruelas slams a spike through Queen Creek Bulldog blockers, as teammates #7 Santiago Moreno and #15 Gabriel Pries look on.

Photo courtesy of Victor Moreno Photography.

that one of the hardest things was "cheering with my teammates." He enjoyed, "learning how to spike the ball hard and serving topspin. He also shared a moment when he spiked the ball and hit someone in the face.

Angel, who is once again life guarding for Ak-Chin is planning to work on his volleyball skill sets more over the summer when not working as a lifeguard at Ak-Chin gym, as he plans to play again next year at varsity level.

Rec staff is also looking forward to working with Angel. They will be offering Open Gym every Tuesday, from 7 pm - 9:30 pm through the month of May.

Wesley will also be offering individual skills training to prepare Angel for Varsity try-outs.

Recreation Ak-Chin is proud that Angel is representing Ak-Chin and wishes him good look in next year's season.

Children buckle up at the Car Seat Check up event

Story and photos by J. Peters

April 28th, in the event, which started at parking lot of Milton 9 am and was hosted by "Paul" Antone Memorial Injury Prevention/ Injury Prevention Specialist Teri De La Cruz.

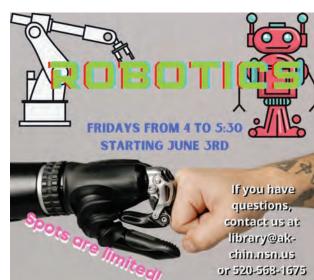
> Parents and grandparents stopped by to get their child safety seats analyzed to ensure their little loved one's seats are up to code.



Technicians check off car seat before installation.

seat.

Or they exchanged for Not only were they free car seat if their provided with a car safety child has outgrown their seat, but they were given seats or a recall has been an in-depth instructional instated for their current learning session of the proper installation.



THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY



Park a crew of newbie

and seasoned car seat technicians from near

and far assembled to

provide a very important

service to the children of

The Car Seat Check-Up

the county.

Car Seat Technician properly installs seat



Car Safety technicians pictured at the Buckle Up Event.



Strengthen, encourage and teach in your Indigenous community.

Earn your degree and teaching certification through the Preparing Educators for Arizona's Indigenous Communities program at Arizona State University's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College. This program provides grant-funded scholarships to those interested in becoming educators in Arizona's Indigenous communities.

Become an educator with ASU's PEAIC program.

The best teacher-preparation program in Arizona is now more accessible and affordable for students. With a few simple steps, you will be on your way to becoming a classroom teacher.

Choose your program of interest

BAE or BAS in Early Childhood Studies

Requirement: Teach (after graduation) in public K-12 schools with a high percentage of American Indian students for the same number of years that federal funding is provided.

BAE or BAS in Early Childhood Studies State funding Requirement: Teach (after graduation) in public K-12 Arizona schools for

We're here to help

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Arizona State University

Jayme Deschene

the same number of years that Arizona Teachers Academy scholarship funding is provided.

BAE in Special Education and Elementary Education State funding

480-965-8176 | ASUJaymeDeschene@asu.edu

Requirement: Teach (after graduation) in public K-12 Arizona schools for the same number of years that Arizona Teachers Academy scholarship funding is provided.

s Student Recruitment Coordinator

Ready to apply?

ssion.asu.edu/apply

Submit a FAFSA to apply for financial aid. ASU's school code is 001081. studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-ald

Once admitted, contact advising to schedule an appointment and register for classes. Phone: 480-965-5555 Email: educationadvising@asu.edu

Attend a webinar

To learn more and find upcoming events, visit education.asu.edu/per



Presentation Dates to be announced... **Contact the Scholarship Program Email Lenny Dempsey at** LDempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us

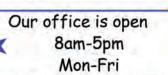
Call our offices at (520) 568-1291 / 1280

A day before, technicians assembled at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment behind Elements Center to finish up some training sessions. They wrapped up training just in time

for the car seat event.



POSSIBILITIES



Bring your needed documentation and fill out an enrollment packet on site

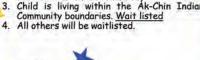
Summer school Starts June 14th Register now!

Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order: Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin

Indian Community
Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

3. Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries. Wait listed

4. All others will be waitlisted.





If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at 48251 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139

(520) 568-1700. Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-

Available now until July 29th, 2022

Ak-Chin Child Development offers: A High Quality Early Education Experience

Health/Developmental Screenings Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.) Kindergarten Readiness

Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library) *Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)* *Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by

Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
*Fire Safety Education (Provided by the
Ak-Chin Fire Department)* *Field Trips/Fun activities throughout

year*

Health and Safety Protocols in Place

* Some activities may be postponed or modified to fit safety protocols.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries. Pick up a 2022-2023 Enrollment

Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development. Please bring in the following documents

Completed Application

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable

to be considered for enrollment

Child's Certified Birth Certificate

Child's Current Immunization Rec-

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application) Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

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friends and family came

out to Milton "Paul"

Antone Memorial Park Ak-Chin had a total of to show their love and support for their little all-stars.

Games started at 9am, for both the Coach Pitch and T-Ball league games.

4 teams, two for each league. For Coach Pitch we have team Screwballs and Team Coyotes. For T-Ball teams are the Wild Ones and the Barking Spiders.

Story and photos by J. Peters

Food, Fun &

HEALTHY FAMILY HABITS START AT THE DINNER TABLE!

JOIN US VIRTUALLY AS WE HELP YOU TO PREPARE AND

SHARE A DELICIOUS FAMILY STYLE DINNER IN YOUR HOME! SIGN UP BY: MAY 13TH

WATCH INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO: MAY 18TH

PICK UP INGREDIENTS: MAY 19TH

TO SIGN-UP, PLEASE CONTACT LYNNE HOUSTON-VOLDEN AT (520) 568-108 OR MARTINA PETERS AT (520) 568-1085

Ak-Chin Wild Ones

Ak-Chin Barking Spiders

Family

If you'd like to come out and watch these little athletes shine, next games are Saturday May 7th and May 14th.



"Run, Run, Run!"



Waiting for the perfect pitch.



Teammates having fun.

Ak-Chin Tribal Transit PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting May 9th, 2022 Transit will be limiting shopping trips to the City of Maricopa. This is a result of the currents cost of fuel to provide transportation services. Local in Ak-Chin Community Demand Response services will remain available from 7:00am to 5:45pm Monday through Friday. Transit will offer trips to Maricopa for shopping to twice

The reinstatement of full-time services will tentatively take place September 1st, 2022 pending the evaluation of our operations. Doctors' appointments, meetings, employment and non-shopping experiences will not be affected by this change. This only applies to shopping. Due to Professional Development, Transit will be providing limited services only on the following dates during the designated times:

Tuesday May 24th, 2022: 8:30am to 11:30am Thursday May 26th, 2022 8:30am to 11:30am

Demand-response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial and government addresses located within a five-mile radius of Community boundaries. Without exception, ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE EITHER A PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF LOCATION WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY.

Our demand-response service is a reservation-based system which operates on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. The following information will be required when making a reservation: Name, phone number, pick-up address, drop-off address and requested pick-up time. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 7:00am to 5:45pm. You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.

NO SHOWS: If you are not present when the vehicle arrives, the driver will wait three minutes. After three minutes, the driver must proceed with the route and the passenger will be marked as a no-show. After three noshows, our services will be declined to you for 30 days. On demand services at times can run on a heavy schedule. Please understand that once a passenger arrives at their destination the driver will not wait for a passenger to get back on the vehicle. They will proceed with the route unless special accommodations were already made with dispatch. We can always be scheduled to return and take you to another location at a future time.

CANCELLING A RIDE: If a trip needs to be cancelled, you are urged to cancel it as early as possible. We ask for a 15-minute notice. If a 15-minute notice is not given and a vehicle is in route, you will be considered a no show. Reliable and on time transportation can be difficult to achieve when proper protocols are not followed.

*Ak-Chin Tribal Transit generally does not operate on holidays recognized by the Ak-Chin Indian Community



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- Showcase -Information Technology
- Information Technology Services
- Community Service
- Cybersecurity
- Applied Technical Math
- Model Building
- Photography • Web Design
- and, Advertising Design

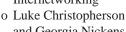
The following students placed in the top three in their events

- Gold Medals went to:
- o Charlie Liermann for Information Technology Services
- o Abigail Barba for Pin Design
- o Lexie Nordhoff, Leslie Holliday, Eliza Santiago, and Asher Akhavan-Restubog for

- Internetworking
- and Georgia Nickens for Web Design
- o Luke Christopherson, Nathan Shearer, and Lorena Casto for the Career Pathway
- · And Bronze Medals
- o Alex Grace and Ashton Owen
- o and Valeria Garcia for Applied Technical Math

In all, MHS took home a total of 15 medals! State Champions will represent MHS and the State of Arizona at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in June.

If you wish to learn more about SkillsUSA please



- Showcase Info-Tech
- were awarded to:
- for Cybersecurity



Ak-Chin Screwballs

Ak-Chin Coyotes

Myles Peters Maricopa Baseball





Myles hits a stand up double, then tracks a fly ball at third base for the out, during MHS JV Boys home game against Westwood Warriors on March 15. Photos by R. Peters

Myles

Myles Peters #14, Community member and freshman for Maricopa Rams JV baseball team ends his season in good standings.

With a roster of like 19, Myles got most of his playing time either on the

Maricopa Rams Baseball played in the 6A Desert Southwest Conference.

includes

batting average with 8

hits, 8 runs and 7 RBIs.

MHS JV baseball ended the year with a 7-10 overall and 3-2 league record.

End of season stats for

mound or at third base.







COVID TESTING, & COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE.

You may also visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines. Walk-in or schedule an appointment by calling (602) 528-1482. Red Tail Hawk Health Center
COVID VACCINE ONLY

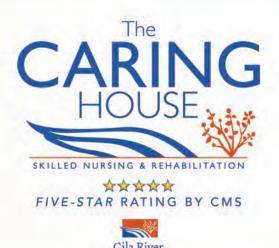
May 14th • 10 am - 2 pm

Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex COVID TESTING ONLY

May 31st & June 1st • 5-7 pm



SCAN FOR VACCINE INFORMATION





THE CARING HOUSE ACHIEVES FIVE-STAR RATING BY CMS

On behalf of Gila River Health Care leadership, we are pleased to announce that on April 20, 2022, the Caring House reached an important milestone and was designated as a Five-Star certified facility by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This accomplishment places the Caring House among the top 10% of skilled nursing facilities in the country to receive a five star rating.

In 2017, the Caring House was rated a One-Star facility by CMS. Since, the staff have focused on measures to enhance compliance and operational improvement to ensure a high level of service provided to the residents. The newly achieved Five-Star designation demonstrates the team's commitment to not only maintain, but improve the care given to residents and members of Gila River Indian Community.

The Five-Star CMS rating system, formalized in 2008, created three domains to allow consumers to compare one nursing home to another. The domains are health inspections, staffing ratios, and quality measures which are then summarized in a one to five star rating system. One-Star is the lowest ranking and a Five-Star rating is the highest.

Members of the Gila River Indian Community Council, Health and Social Standing Committee, Gila River Health Care Board of Directors, Executive Leadership, and the entire team at the Caring House have worked in partnership to bring about this result. The Caring House could not have reached this result without each individual contribution. The entire Community has supported this effort.

Reminder!

Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY 5/30/2022

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255



Join us EVERY Friday at 4:30pm during Summer Reading to see who can stay on the Rainbow Road!



Every Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM starting June 1st.

If you have questions, contact us at library@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1675

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY





Police Officer (certified and non/certified)

- Communications Officer
- Deli Clerk
- Firefighter/EMT (2,912 hours)
- Applications Software Technician
- Accountant (2)
- Accounts Payable Technician - Farms

- Irrigation Technician -Sanitation/Public Works
- (closes 4/27) Tribal Gaming Agency **Executive Director**
- Senior Planner
- Water Treatment Operator - CORRECTION
- Wastewater Treatment Supervisor
- Environmental Technician

OPEN TO ENROLLED **COMMUNITY MEMBERS** AND COMMUNITY

Driver – Elder Program (closes 4/27)

EMPLOYEES ONLY

Auditor -TGA (closes 5/1) – ADDITION

Please visit our website at www.ak-chin.nsn.us, for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply. If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.



Past Due Fines

Attention to: All Community Members, Non-members and Residents

If you are delinquent on your fines, or if you are unsure if you have any fines.

Please contact the courts at earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions Garnishment of Wages for those working within
- Ak-Chin Indian Community

Past Due fines will be sent to **Valley Collection Agency**

You can avoid any of the above collections by the following: You may come to the court to make payment

arrangements and you must be consistent on

your payments.
You may come to the court to dispute the

matter and request a hearing.

Address: 45525 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

* Phone: (520) 568-1385

* Fax:(520) 568-1386

Happy Birthday to my grandson Happy Mother's Day to the greatest Raymond and my granddaughters

Renee and Amava Love, Grandma Happy Mother's Day Grandma

and Yoo-Yoo Hope you both have a special mom's day! Love, Cecil, Raychel and the kids

Happy Mother's Day to our Godmothers Nancy, Flower and Terri Special wishes for our special moms!! Love your Godchildren

mom to ever exist!! We are so lucky to have been raised by such an incredible woman like you mom. We love you and appreciate you more than you'll ever know. Thank you for being you and thank you for

everything you've done for us.

Love Justina, Renee, James, Jennifer

Happy Mother's Day Rebecca and Raychel and our furry mommy Justine.



Happy Mother's Day to our Auntie! We just want to tell you you're an AMAZING furry mommy to Goldie and an AWESOME second mother to us. We do get a little jealous of Goldie but we love her.

Love, Isaiah Kaylan and Kye Bear



Happy Mother's Day Nina (Rene)

I love you so much, you're the BEST Nina in the whole entire world. Love, Kye Bear





Will be back at the Ak-Chin Service Center Conference Room soon!!

Save the date:

July 5 at 8:30a-11:30a August 2 at 8:30a-11:30a at 8:30a-11:30a Sept 6

Do you qualify for WIC?

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women • Infants
- Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit s & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs!



Carmen DeLeon

Yvette Oliver

Elaine Peters David Stephens

Daniel Lozano, Jr.

Need to make an appointment or have questions??? Call WIC at: (520) 562-9698

Indian Community WIC Program 66 W. Pima, Sacaton, AZ



Aaron Peters, Jr.

Samantha Green

Jolie Peters

Jeycee Zepeda

MAY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Marlene Garcia, Housing Department Shauna Brown, Capital Projects

Maria Garcia.

Maintenance

Sonya Joaquin,

Early Childhood

Brian Guyer, Fire & Safety

Lydia Rueda, Prosecutor Blas Valles, Sanitation Francisco Velasco. Sanitation

Social & Health Services

Armando Zepeda, Sanitation

Lucy Jerry,

Corrina Leija, TGA Mathew McNeil.

Sanitation

Joseph Davis, Youth Council Coordinator

13th

John Leon Guerrero, IS Adam Bowman, Education

15th Robert Martinez,

Sanitation 16th Waylon Antone,

Him Dak Museum Estrellalinda Reyes-Helpingstine, Parks & Recreation Marcelino Herrera,

Maintenance

Renee Boehm, Fire & Safety

Mauricio Chairez Velazco, Sanitation

Amy Batopis, Library Lakisha Traylor, TGA Rozenda Manuel, Retail

19th

Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Elderly

20th

Darrian Justin, Sanitation

Brian Schaublin,

Fire & Safety 23rd

Tera Thornton, Education

24th

Victor Harer,

Environmental Protection

Happy Birthday!

Delia Carlyle,

Council Member

26th Edith Munoz, Finance

27th

Colleen Mike,

Law & Order Brian Manuel, TGA Maria Tavena-Thomas, Social & Health Services

29th

Him Dak Museum Nickalus Acosta, Law & Order

Elaine Peters.

31st

Christopher Hayes, Fire & Safety



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY
	Richard Brady Marlene Garcia Vivian Lewis Antonio Rodriguez	1	Selina Richiusa	2	Cruz Alvarez Blas Castro Sonya Joaquin RJ Marsh Samuel Paddock, Jr. Joseluis Santiago	3	Irene Arredondo Geraldine Vincent	4	Mayleigh Delores 5 Lucy Jerry Jalen Norris Blas Valles	3	Jordin Pete Evone Santiago	6	Mathew McNeil Nathan Smith Kody Ugalde Gayle Yarberry
	Curtis Antone Jadon Ormsby Jedidiah Smith	8	Guadalupe Orona Adriel Rivera David White, Jr.	9	Troy Miguel Stephan Quinonez LeighAnn Thomas Bree Whitman	10	Esperanza Barrera Esperanza Miranda Isaac Miranda Leilani Paiz Davidson Ugalde, Sr.	11	Willie Antone 12 Ariana Narcia Daimon Ugalde	2	Maxine M. Antone Adam C. Bowman Laurel Coble Derek Manuel Raymond Narcia Christopher Pablo	13	Brooklynne Baptisto 14 Gibson Romo
55	Abel Miguel Haley Miguel Graciela Ortega	15	Kristen Antone Waylon Antone Reannon Manuel Morgan Miller	16	Renee Boehm Jaxson Justin Lucianna Orona Amaya Rocha Daniel Thomas	17	Emerson Antone Amy Batopis Ashley Batopis Johnathan Enos	18	Leslie Burnett 19 Johnnie Ormsby	9	Darrian Justin Frances Stephens Ariah Thompson	20	Lisa Alejandro Terry Enos
	Christian Thomas	22	Cecelia Norris	23	Deidra Carlyle	24	Delia Carlyle Desiree Carra	25	Makenna Sope Zoe Susunkewa	26	Jayden Antone Mason Bowman Brian Manuel, Jr. Colleen Norris Maria Thomas	27	Janice Anderson Henry Garcia Lorenzo Mejia Mikelle Sope
	Frederick Antone Marla Antone	29	Isabella Antone John Deloney, Jr.	30	Santos Aguilla Ryan Justin	31				_			

DOCTOR STRANGE IN

THE MULTIVERSE OF

MADNESS

Monday - Thursday:

3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00,

7:00 & 8:00

Friday:

3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00,

7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00

Saturday:

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00,

4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00,

8:00, 9:00, 10:00

Sunday:

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00,

4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00

& 8:00

MEMORY

Monday - Thursday:

3:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 7:00

Friday:

3:30, 6:30 & 9:30

Saturday:

ak-chincircle.com/theater

6:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 10:00 **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** Sunday: 3:30 & 6:30

THE NORTHMAN

Monday - Thursday: 3:00 & 6:00 Friday: 3:00, 6:00 & 9:30

Saturday: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 Sunday:

1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

THE BAD GUYS

Monday - Thursday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00 Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday: 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30 & 10:00 Sunday:

12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Monday - Thursday:

3:00 & 6:00 Friday:

3:00, 6:00 & 9:00 Saturday: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15 Sunday:

12:00, 3:00 & 6:00

THE LOST CITY Monday - Thursday: 3:00, 5:30 & 8:15

Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:15 & 10:45 Saturday:

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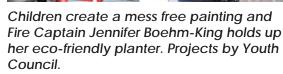


May 6 - 19, 2022 Earth Day continued from Front



Earth Day event goers get a close up look at creepy crawly critters at the UofA booth.





Harrah's team members were on hand with personal items, most recycled, for attendees to create care packages for US troops.

booths Outside included Ak-Chin Youth Council who made excellent use of household items and recycled paper to make Earth paintings and seed pots.

EPD staff also provided a few solar powered gadgets outside that popped popcorn and baked cookies, showing the wonders of solar power and much more.

With all the activity buzzing in and out of the center, a sandwich lunch was provided and every participant was entered into a special earth day raffle. Everyone who joined the event left with some knowledge of how incredible our world is and that every day is Earth Day.



At the Native Seeds booth participants could take a quiz to see how many seeds they can recognize.









MAY 2022

CAESARS REWARDS



Harrahs



MONDAY





TUESDAY

ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY





ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY





THURSDAY

GIVE YOUR FLIP FLOPS A HIGHER PURPOSE CINCO DE MAYO



FRIDAY

JUANES - ORIGEN TOUR



SATURDAY



MOTHER'S DAY



MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING





ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY



LEARN HOW YOU CAN WIN \$20,





CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING BIG!



COME OUT & PLAY!



MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING



ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY



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MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING



ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY



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HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER



COFFEE & DONUTS, A WINNING COMBINATION



HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER GREDIT MULTIPLIER



ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY

